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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
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## LOONSFOOT AND WELSH TAKE COUNCIL SEATS



Newly elected and re-elected council members were sworn in by President Swartz at the January 10, 2009, Saturday Tribal Council meeting. Left to right: President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle Welsh, and William E. "Gene" Emery.

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
 Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
 Toni Minton, Secretary  
 William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary  
 Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
 Elizabeth D. Mayo  
 Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews  
 Jerry Lee Curtis  
 Frederick Dakota  
 Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
 Isabelle H. Welsh



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### January 10, 2009 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 10, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren Chris Swartz gave a shorter version of his President's report due to computer problems. He has continued work with the Criminal Code Task Force on compliance with the requirements of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. President Swartz attended a meeting regarding these requirements and will be sending another representative to the next meeting. We will be applying for a one-year extension to allow adequate time to prepare for the necessary changes. The community will be



President Swartz (center) presented Doreen Blaker (left) and Larry Denomie III (right) with a recognition gift. He expressed a sincere thanks to both for all the hard work they have done for the Community. Both Blaker and Denomie spoke of having a deep gratitude and appreciation for being given the opportunity to represent the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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informed of the decision of how the Council chooses to comply with the Adam Walsh Act as there are a few options to choose from, and we need to research those options before making a decision.

The President's office was contacted by the Census Bureau, advising they have some employment opportunities available in our area. The Tribal Liaison for the Census Bureau will provide the necessary training session for tribal members who wish to work for the Census Bureau. This information will be made available to the TERO office.

Susan LaFerner gave the Vice President's Report. Every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year will be a "Commit to Conserve" Campaign. Please learn how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. There have been great tips from our Natural Resource Department in our newsletter, and more information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Vice President LaFerner met with Christine Rector, Director of Marketing Services from Northern Initiatives in Marquette as they possibly will be working on another "Great Waters" tourism map project in our area which will invite visitors to experience our land through the eyes of the Anishinaabe. Ms. Rector will be meeting with other villages and towns in our area throughout the spring and summer. Northern Initiatives previously did a similar project in the Eastern U.P. with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe.

Congratulations to Peggy Dunn on her retirement from the L'Anse Area Schools. Peggy was our tutor for twenty years. Vice President LaFerner indicated it was a privilege to present her with a check for her years of service after the Education Committee meeting on December 18.

We still have not been informed of a decision from the administrative hearing officer in our contested case hearing regarding the mining permits for the Yellow Dog Plains. The Second Reading of the Mineral Exploration and Mining Regulatory Ordinance has been held. The purpose of the ordinance (78 pages) is to regulate exploration and mining activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the KBIC. The ordinance has been worked on intensively, by our Mining Consultant, Natural Resource Director and Attorney, to protect the best interests of the Tribe and to abide by our Constitution. Vice President LaFerner thanks them for their hard work on this ordinance. If you heard the ads on the radio before the election regarding the ordinance, please be advised they were not in the best interest of the Tribe. It has been very clear from the beginning (2004) that the entire Council is against sulfide mining and wishes to protect and preserve Tribal property, our wildlife and natural resources, and the health, security and welfare of our people for the next seven generations. Please take the time to review and understand the ordinance, and call us if you have questions.

Larry Denomie gave the CEO report for December. FY09 budgets continued to be reviewed during the month, and Council did adopt the FY09 budgets at their January 9th meeting. The revenues and expenses will be closely monitored due to the economic times.

The Tribal Center was flooded mid-December, and three offices received

moderate water damage and will need renovation soon. The cause of the flooding is related to the HVAC system piping located on the west side of the complex where piping froze during the extremely cold period. Tribal Construction and Tribal Maintenance are handling the project. The Donald LaPointe Health Center services are nearly back to normal after their flooding which occurred at the end of November. Pediatrician services are now being provided as well.

The Anishinaabe Anokii Business Center received official notice of approval to continue through June 2009. It was requested to carry over funding that had not been utilized over the past two year. The business center was scheduled to close at the end of the month last September.

The Tribe received notice that an ICDBG grant had been awarded to us in the amount of \$600,000 for the expansion project of the Community Center for the Early Childhood Education Center. The total project cost is \$3.8 million. This ICDBG grant along with a \$48,000 Kellogg Foundation grant and a \$50,000 USDA Rural Development grant will be used for the project. There will be a \$3.2 million cost for the Tribe to cover. The Council has approved acceptance of the ICDBG grant and will seek additional funding in the coming year to help cover the balance. The Tribe has three years to use the funds and does have the option to decline the grant, but this could have a negative impact on future grant applications.

The Tribe will be receiving rebate checks in the amount of \$40,000 from BCBS, Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance policies through less than expected claims, profit sharing provisions and low loss ratios. It is anticipated the renewal rates for the BCBS plans will be less than estimated for the FY09 budget calculations.

Enterprise Christmas parties were held for Baraga and Marquette employees on December 14th and 21st respectively. Employees who were unable to attend the festivities because they were at work were included in the prize drawings.

Larry Denomie concluded with, "This marks the end of two years as CEO for the Community. I have been honored to serve in this capacity and want to thank the Council, directors, employees and membership for this extraordinary opportunity. I have learned and experienced more than could ever be explained in words about the intricate workings of such a large and complex organization. I can only hope that I have impacted the organization in a positive and productive way. The hard work and dedication of every employee and Council member IS what makes this organization so great and successful. Miigwetch."

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of December 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and one special meeting. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on December 6, 2008, and is reported in the January 2009 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on December 11, 2008: approved minutes of February 16, 2006, and October 4, 2008; approved the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Natural Resources Department; donated \$1000 for each Casino Christmas Party and directed

them to add this amount to their budget for FY2010; denied a special deer tag request from Victor Miron; held the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2008-05-Mining Ordinance; waived the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2008-05-Mining Ordinance; scheduled the Second Reading of the Mining Ordinance for January 8th at 6 pm; moved the January 2009 regular Council Meeting from January 3rd to January 10th; approved advertising in the 2009 Daily Mining Gazette Calendar; approved the Business License of Evelyn Ravindran doing business as Woodland Gifts; approved an in-house promotion of Joshua Eagle to full-time Unit Manager at New Day; approved the Professional Services Agreement between KBIC and Baraga County Memorial Hospital for Pediatrician Services; approved the Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser for WIC; approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ojibwa Community College; approved the sick leave accrual request of Margaret Dunn; agreed that any current employee who fell under the leave accrual and did not submit their letter be granted retro annual and sick leave; and approved the New Day request for \$50 gift cards out of their funds not tribal funds. Toni Minton thanked the Community and fellow Council members for allowing her to serve as their Secretary this past year as it has been an honor and a privilege.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2008. We all know that we are now in a time of very difficult financial problems and most of us have had to make personal changes of our own as money just doesn't go as far as it used to. Unfortunately this is the same for our Tribe, and the budget process has been very difficult. We would have liked to have increased the funding level for services and bring in extra programs and offer more services, but the extra funds just are not available. Tribal Council has approved the budget for 2009; however, we will have to be very careful and monitor our revenue and matches to ensure that we save well throughout the year. This past year has flown by, and Treasurer Misegan thanked the Community and the Council for allowing her to serve as the Treasurer. Tribal operations and enterprises have grown financially, and the duties of the Council and the Executive Board have grown as well.

Michael Cardinal, Election Board Vice-Chairman presented the December 13, 2008, General Election results. In the Baraga District, 281 of the 368 registered voters voted which is 76%. In the L'Anse District, 170 of the 236 registered voters voted which is 72%. In the Marquette District, 14 of the 27 registered voters voted which is 52%. The total percentage of voter turnout for the General Election 2008 was 74%. District Breakdown follows. Baraga District: Larry J. Denomie III (Inc.) 216, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 236, Sandra L. Pittsley 220, and Isabelle Helene Welsh 243. L'Anse District: William "Gene" Emery (Inc.) 238, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews (Inc.) 243, Joe Dowd 211, and JoAnne Racette 225. **Motion by Doreen Blaker to certify the December 13, 2008, General Election, supported by Larry Denomie III, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

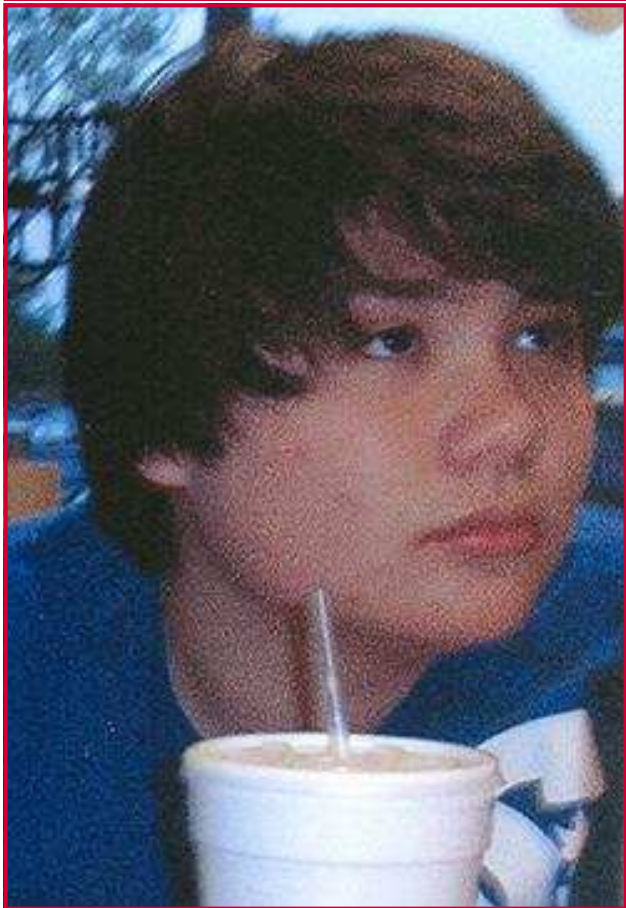
President Swartz recognized Doreen G. Blaker and Larry J. Denomie III prior to

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# HOPING FOR A HERO,

by Rick Smith



Fifteen-year-old Anthony Lee's doctors determined there is one last hope for him—he must find a suitable bone marrow donor and have a transplant performed as soon as possible. Can you help him?

A two-year battle for the life of a 15-year old Hessel, Michigan, boy appears to be winding down, and the situation looks grim for the lad. He needs a hero who shares an ancestry similar to his — South Korean, Anishinaabe and European.

Sault Tribe member, Anthony Lee, loved participating in sports at Cedarville High School where he is a sophomore. According to his mother, Kwi Hitchens, along with keeping good grades, he was active in skiing, basketball, football and track. Then he seemed to be having breathing difficulty after exerting himself. At first, doctors suspected mononucleosis. Further testing revealed the problem is aplastic anemia.

According to the Mayo Clinic, aplastic anemia is a condition where one's body stops producing enough new blood cells to replenish dying blood cells. A variety of blood cells course through one's bloodstream — red blood cells carry oxygen, white blood cells fight infection and platelets help the blood to clot. This means someone who has the condition becomes easily fatigued and is at higher risk for infections and uncontrolled bleeding.

The clinic notes it is a rare and serious condition and can develop at any age. Treatment for aplastic anemia may include medications, blood transfusions or bone marrow transplants. Doctors tried a variety of treatments and medications on Lee. One treatment worked successfully for a year. During last February and March, Lee's blood cells and platelets were regenerating well and held steady through the summer.

But his cellular regeneration began to decline last September and worsened in November. Little improvement was seen last month. Doctors determined there is only one last hope for him — find a suitable bone marrow donor and perform a transplant as soon as possible.

The Mayo Clinic reports the condition, once considered nearly always fatal, has a

much better prognosis today, thanks to advances in treatment. However, in Anthony Lee's case, it depends on if a matching donor can be found in time. At this point, it appears locating a match will be the most difficult aspect of his treatment.

Bone marrow transplants, according to the Mayo Clinic, are most successful if the matched donor is a relative, but Lee has no compatible matches in his family. The next best course is to find a match among healthy, unrelated people with similar ancestry between the ages of 18 and 60.

Lee's unique ancestry is a key challenge in this situation. The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) says there is a dire need for both Asians and American Indians to register as potential donors to fill a shortage of readily available prospects.

Eric Trosko of the NMDP says to be eligible to join the marrow registry, you need to be 18-60 years of age, in general good health and willing to donate to any patient in need. "You simply complete a registration form and swab the inside of your cheek. That's it, no blood draw, and the entire registration process only takes about ten minutes," he noted. "If you match a patient, donations can now be made through a simple blood draw procedure instead of the old surgical procedure through the hip. There is no cost for tribal members to join the marrow registry or donate."

Trosko adds, "If you would like to join the marrow registry or learn about how easy it is to host your own marrow donor registration drive, please contact me, Eric Trosko, at the National Marrow Donor Program in East Lansing, MI at 1-(800) 471-3020, extension 101."

Kristi Little, Sault Tribe Executive Director of Membership Services, said, "People can go to the Sault or St. Ignace clinics anytime to have the swab done for the marrow donor registry. Manistique and Munising, I believe, require that you call and let them know as they may not have the kits on hand."

Members of other tribes should inquire about registering at their tribe's medical facilities.

Hitchens says her son is showing remarkably good spirits in spite of his situation. She said he's managed to maintain his grades in school even during a three-month absence while he was receiving treatment. "He doesn't want to be pitied," Hutchins noted. "He doesn't want to be seen as somebody special." She noted her son simply wants to resume his activities in school, perhaps chase his dream of becoming a doctor himself. She reports his spirits are quite good.

It speaks well of the young man that he seems to be taking his situation in stride. Yet, there can be little doubt he's hoping a suitable donor can be found to help save his life. There is absolutely no doubt his mother is hoping for a hero to come forward soon.

## Myths and facts about bone marrow donation

*Learn the facts about bone marrow donation to help you make an informed decision about joining the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry.*

**Myth:** The bone marrow donation procedure is painful.

**Fact:** General or regional anesthesia is

always used for this procedure. Donors feel no needle injections and no pain during marrow donation.

**Myth:** All bone marrow donations involve surgery.

**Fact:** The majority of donations do not involve surgery. The patient's doctor most commonly requests a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical and outpatient. If marrow is requested, it is a surgical procedure, usually outpatient.

**Myth:** Pieces of bone are removed from the donor.

**Fact:** Pieces of bone are not removed from the donor in either type of donation. A PBSC donation involves taking the drug filgrastim for five days leading up to donation in order to increase the donor's needed blood-forming cells. On the fifth day, blood is taken from the donor through one arm, passed through a machine that separates out the blood-forming cells, and returned through the donor's other arm.

In marrow donation, no pieces of bone are taken; only the liquid marrow found inside the bones is needed to save the patient's life.

**Myth:** Donating bone marrow is dangerous and weakens the donor.

**Fact:** Though no medical procedure is without risk, there are rarely any long-term effects from donating. Only five percent or less of a donor's marrow is needed to save a life. After donation, the body replaces the donated marrow within four to six weeks.

The NMDP screens all donors carefully before they donate to ensure they are healthy and the procedure is safe for them. The NMDP also educates donors, answers questions every step of the way and follows up with donors after donation.

**Myth:** Bone marrow donation involves a lengthy recovery process.

**Fact:** Due to taking the drug filgrastim, PBSC donors may have symptoms such as headache, bone or muscle pain, nausea, insomnia or fatigue in the five days leading up to donation. These symptoms nearly always disappear one or two days after donating, and the donor is back to normal.

Marrow donors can expect to feel fatigue, some soreness or pressure in their lower back and perhaps some discomfort walking. Marrow donors can expect to be back to work, school and other activities within one to seven days. The average time for all symptoms to disappear is 21 days.

**Myth:** Donors have to pay for the donation procedure.

**Fact:** Donors never pay for donating. All medical costs are paid by the patient's medical insurance or by the patient, sometimes with NMDP assistance. The NMDP reimburses donors for travel costs, and may reimburse other costs on a case-by-case basis.





## Green Valentine

Valentine's Day is fast approaching! It is the second largest greeting card giving occasion distributing approximately 191 million cards annually, not including packaged kid's valentines for classroom exchange (*Statistics from Hallmark Corporate Information*).

Here are a few suggestions for keeping it green!

Sending an e-card is a great way to let your loved ones know that you care about them while also caring for the environment. There are many free options such as 123greetings or even Hallmark!

Try to keep gifts practical by giving items that will be reused such as organic cotton and bamboo bedding or bath towels.

Want to be more eco-romantic? Organic flowers, chocolate and soy-wax candles are great traditional Valentine's Day gifts. Be easy on your budget by treating your sweetheart to a massage and/or favorite home cooked organic meal (don't forget dessert)!

Kids can be green too! Making edible valentines is a great opportunity to teach them the importance of being environmentally friendly. Make sugar cookies and after baking, have the child write the name of each classmate on a cookie with frosting. While the kids help, explain how the yummy treats can be enjoyed immediately by classmates and leave little to no waste!

You may not be able to persuade your youngster from giving Spiderman or Hannah Montana, but you can teach them to be eco-friendly by reusing their received valentines. They make wonderful bookmarks that can be used at home. Ask if you can give them for use in your local library or your child's classroom. They can also be used to make a collage as a keepsake for the child.

Valentine's Day is a day of love and thoughtfulness; don't be afraid to get creative!

## Brownfield's Tribal Response and Assessment Programs

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) is currently administering two Brownfield programs; the Brownfield Tribal Response Program (TRP) and a Brownfield Assessment Program. The following is a brief description of the elements, purpose, and work being completed by these programs.

### Tribal Response Program

KBNRD received its initial TRP grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2003, and annual funding has been provided by EPA since that time. The TRP, currently still being developed, will consist of a comprehensive set of protocols and tools to identify potentially contaminated properties, determine if areas of contamination are present on suspect properties and to clean up and redevelop those properties that are found to be contaminated. Properties that are contaminated need to be cleaned up to a degree that ensures that human health and the environment are protected now and into the future.

Other TRP activities include developing a draft Environmental Remediation Ordinance; developing baseline standards for acceptable soil and water quality or "cleanup standards;" assessing the risk of contaminated properties to human health and the environment, education and outreach; emergency incident response; pollution prevention to prevent future Brownfields; and working with and providing program information to the public. Use of funding requires the TRP to establish and maintain a public record which includes properties at which response actions are planned or have been completed. The public record is accessible on the TRP webpage or at the Natural Resources Department.

Currently eight properties are enrolled as Brownfields sites under the TRP including a junkyard, a mining impacted property, dump sites and an old gas station. A description, map and documents related to the Brownfield sites can be found on the internet at [www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/NR/ERP/erp.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/NR/ERP/erp.htm).



### Brownfield Assessment Program

The purpose of the Assessment Program is to complete Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) on properties identified through the TRP as likely contaminated, and to develop plans for cleaning up and redeveloping properties that are found to be contaminated.

In order for federal funding to be used to conduct an ESA on a property, the property has to be approved by the EPA as meeting federal eligibility requirements to be classified as a Brownfield Site. A property inventory and property risk assessment ranking criteria developed through the TRP is being used to determine the priority of sites submitted to the EPA for review and approval as a Brownfield Site.

After a site is approved by the EPA as meeting program eligibility requirements the next step consists of conducting a Phase I ESA for the property. To use funding provided by the EPA, it is required that standard federal protocol for ESA's is followed. Federal protocol consists of completing what are known as Phase I and Phase II ESA's, which contain standards and methods used by Environmental Professionals nationwide for ESA's. The Phase I ESA evaluates the potential for or existence of contamination. If a Phase I ESA determines that contamination is likely present and further investigation is warranted, a Phase II ESA will be completed.

The Phase II ESA includes an investigation to determine if contaminants are present on a property, the type of contaminants present, the levels present, and the physical extent of contamination on the property. The Phase II ESA typically involves collecting samples of soil, water, or other materials from a property for laboratory analysis.

If a Phase II ESA determines that contamination is present on a property, the next step is to prepare a Cleanup Plan which outlines tasks and methods to be used to remove or cleanup contaminated soils, water, or other materials present. Cleanup options are site specific. Options are selected after considering and evaluating



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ing; 1) the risk to human health and the environment, 2) the type of contaminants present, 2) the end use of the property, 3) the type of technology available for cleaning up a contaminant, 4) the cost and available funding, and 5) other site specific considerations. Different contaminated sites will likely have different cleanup solutions. The ideal solution for any identified contaminated areas, however; is to permanently remove contamination from our environment. Any option selected, needs to ensure that human health and the environment is protected for future generations. Cleanup activities can include actions such as: digging up contaminated soils and properly disposing of them or as what was done at Sand Point – covering and stabilizing areas like the stamp sands. Brownfield property redevelopment is a community decision. Redevelopment goals can include creation of greenspace such as parks or wildlife habitat, commercial redevelopment which may help create jobs, residential redevelopment, or other alternatives.

Community Involvement

Community input is an important part of both programs to help guide property cleanup, reuse and redevelopment activities. Identifying and responding to environmental concerns of the Community is better accomplished by KBNRD when individual community members become involved or voice their concerns. To report concerns regarding illegal dumping, hazardous materials, contaminated land, pollution concerns, or to find out more information about the program contact Katie Kruse at kkruse@kbic-nsn.gov or (906) 524-5757, or Jennifer Merk at jromstad@kbic-nsn.gov or (906) 524-6624.

Association of American Indian Physicians AAIP.org

Twelfth Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative will be held June 20 - 28, 2009.

Patty Iron Cloud Program Information

Through its cooperative agreement with the Office of Minority Health, the Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative is an intense academic enrichment, and reinforcement, program designed to better prepare American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in the health professions and/or biomedical research.

The NNAYI program addresses four goals:

- To increase awareness of the various health professions and biomedical research options among AI/AN students;
- To increase awareness of the personal and academic skills required for admission to college / universities / health profession schools;
- To increase the awareness of Indian health issues among AI/AN students;
- To increase student access to AI/AN role models in health careers.

Students will receive exposure to:

- A broad perspective on health careers and biomedical research
- An introduction to national health and scientific institutions
- Opportunity to network with AI/AN health professionals and physicians as well as learn about mentoring and shadowing with AAIP members
- Information on the demography of AI/AN populations and health issues affecting AI/AN communities
- Information on current health legislation / policy and educational issues affecting the academic and professional progress of AI/AN communities
- Workshops on:
  - Standardized examinations and coursework
  - Study and test taking skills
  - College application process / financial aid
  - Leadership / Communication Skills

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Internship Opportunities at the National Museum of the American Indian

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian offers summer, spring, fall and winter internships for Native American students. Interns are placed in a variety of departments at the George Gustav Heye Center in NYC, the Mall Museum in Washington, DC or the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md.

Summer application deadline: Friday, Feb. 6, 2009

For more information contact Jill Norwood, Intern Coordinator at (301) 238-1541 or [norwoodj@si.edu](mailto:norwoodj@si.edu) . Download an application form at: [www.AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://www.AmericanIndian.si.edu) Click on "Outreach" and then "Internships". Check their booth out at the AIHEC Annual Conference in Missoula, MT, March 29-31st.

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**KBIC SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES  
NEW MAGNIFICATION MACHINE**



Above Ojibwa Seniors learn how the new magnification machine operates. Left to right —Florence Uusitalo, Philly Ekdahl, Dorothy Verbanic, Ginnyann Jermac, Librarian Mary Bergerson, (front/sitting) Sara Puera of the Magnification Place.

In September, the Ojibwa Community Library in Baraga, was the recipient of an Enhancement Grant from the Institutes of Museum and Library Services for Native Americans, in Washington, DC. The grant is titled ELDER WIIDOOKODAADIG (Help Each Other) PROJECT.

The grant is for the elders of the KBIC (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community). It will provide services for the home bound and those with vision impairments. The visual magnification machine, shown in the picture, was given to the KBIC Senior Center. The library also has one for patron use and one to loan to the elders. A “Zoom Text Browser” and keyboard was also purchased to be used with a laptop to magnify information found on the internet and will be available at the library. Anyone with a visual impairment may come to the library and use the equipment. All the equipment was purchased from The Magnification Place in Marquette. Call the Library at 353-8163 for more information.

**AABINOOJIIYENS**



Meet Noah Mathew Evans, born 12/21/08, to Emily and Aaron Evans of Albuquerque, NM. Noah weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long at birth. His grandparents are Matt and Nancy Shalifoe of Baraga, MI, and Judy Evans and Dave Evans, both of Roswell, NM.



Welcome a new baby boy, Landon Jay Smith, born 12/05/08, to Irvin and Gina Smith. Landon weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth.



**KBIC WOMEN RETREAT**



The Annual KBIC Women's Retreat was held the weekend of January 16-17, 2009, at the Ford Forestry Conference Center in Alberta, Michigan. Forty-seven Keweenaw Bay Indian Community ikwe attended the Annual event that was sponsored by the KBIC Diabetes program, Healthy Start Grant and an IHS/ITC Health Promotion Disease Prevention Grant.

Things got underway Friday evening as the women enjoyed a healthy meal together, participated in crafting (card stamping with Cheryl Hirzel), attend two pampering sessions (foot soak with DHHS staff, and facials with Mindy Lantz), participated in a sock hop (including line dancing), experienced a humorous pajama fashion show, and ended the evening by sharing a game or a movie with friends.

The sessions continued on Saturday where beside sharing a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner, the women learned of *sleeping disorders* from Dr. DellaValla of Portage Health Systems and engaged in *food talk* with Dr. Dale Schmeisser. Naturally the women participated in physical activities such as snowshoeing and yoga. They concluded their sessions with a beading craft project where each women learned to make their own medicine



pouch.

The Community Health staff of the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility organized and facilitated the weekend event which allows the women to learn a healthier lifestyle while relaxing and socializing with friends.



# NEW EMPLOYEES



**Paul Ek Dahl** has been hired as the new KBIC Youth Worker/Facilities Attendant. Paul states, "I have been working with the youth since

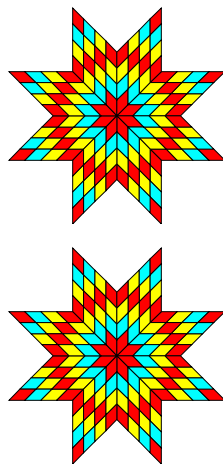
I was in ninth grade in high school. I volunteered my time coaching flag football in the fall and helped with the elementary basketball tournament every year until I graduated in 2006. In the fall of 2005, I organized, coached, and ran the flag football program for grades fourth through sixth without any problems." Paul attended NMU for a semester after receiving his high school diploma but found what he really liked to do when he began employment as a wild land firefighter in 2006. Paul states, "I plan on firefighting for a long time. My current position working with the youth will help me in my future firefighting as it teaches me to be patient with people who may not know as much as you. As in firefighting, you may have to teach new and different techniques of doing certain things just like I would if I were to teach a young teen how to better improve his or her jump shot during open gym. I am really looking forward to my new job as the new KBIC youth worker/facilities attendant."



**Tim Friisvall** has been hired as the new KBNRD maintenance worker. Tim is an enrolled KBIC member, has four wonderful children and a loving girlfriend. Tim enjoys traveling, fishing, hunting, and basically anything outdoors.

Tim has attended numerous colleges (OCC, NMU, Bay De Noc) and did graduate from Universal Technical Institute with a 3.9 GPA for automotive technology. Tim states, "My schooling enabled me to travel around

the country, but I enjoy being back to my hometown working within the Community." Tim Friisvall also is employed at Eagle Radio as a Board Operator for KBIC.



**M.A.P.S. Title VII  
Indian Taco Dinner  
Saturday, February 7, 2009  
1-4 p.m. at Marquette Armory  
Cost: Adult \$ 8.00  
Children under 12 \$3.00  
Student w/I.D. \$5.00  
Senior Citizen \$5.00**

This is a fundraising event to raise money for the Marquette Title VII students to attend a Indian Fair (camp) at the end of the school year.



## The U.S. Census Bureau is NOW HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau is opening a new office in your area and will begin operations for conducting the 2010 Census. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!

Call Toll-Free at:  
**1-866-861-2010** or  
go to: [www.census.gov/detroit](http://www.census.gov/detroit)  
for more information on how to apply.

## US Census Office Regional Job Openings:

### Office Staff — Fall 2008 & Early 2009

Office Clerk — \$8.25-12.50 per hour  
Recruiting Assistant — \$12.25-18.00 per hour  
Administrative Assistant — \$9.75-15.00 per hour  
Office Operations Supervisor — \$11.25-17.00 per hour

### Field Staff — Early 2009

Enumerator — \$11.50-16.50 per hour  
Crew Leader — \$12.25-18.00 per hour  
Crew Leader Assistant — \$10.75-16.50 per hour  
Field Operations Supervisor — \$13.75-19.50 per hour

## RECRUITMENT FOR JOBS WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

### ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS...

Don't miss this excellent opportunity for tribal members wanting to work within their community. Majority of these jobs require a minimum of 20-hours a week. Besides salaries, people who have to use their cars will be given .585 cents per mile.

Attached a recruiting flyer for only a few positions. All the postings for Michigan can be found at <http://www.census.gov/codes/www/empiv.html>

Many of the upcoming jobs require a 30-minute exam consisting of 28 questions. George Roman, the Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Census Bureau is happy to conduct workshops and introduce himself and the census program to all those tribal members interested in work.

For those tribal members off the rez they can call 866-861-2010 and they will be directed to the closest test site according to their zip code; dates and times of tests.

People interested in taking the exam will have to call the same toll-free number to reserve a spot for the exam. We can only test 25 people per exam session so we encourage you to please RSVP, but we will take walk-ins. Everyone is welcomed to take these exams.

You can take the exams as many times as you want, only your highest score will be used in the pool for jobs. The only hiring preference the Census Bureau has Veterans. People will need to bring a picture ID and their social security card the day of the exam. Veterans will need to take a copy of their discharge papers ( DD-214).

**Workshop** U.S. Census Bureau employment & familiarization with the exam  
Monday, February 9, 2009 11:00 am 1:00 pm

**Testing** Tuesday, February 10, 2008 1:00 pm 6:00 pm

All workshops and testing will be held in Baraga in the Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Room.



For more information, the application for federal Census Bureau employment, and a copy of the practice exam, please contact:

**Pauline Spruce, Personnel Director 353-6623, ext. 4140  
or  
Robin Chosa, TERD Director at 353-6623, ext. 4167**



## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).

## Public Health Nurse/Case Manager, open until filled

## Clinical Psychologist, Open until filled

### On Call positions:

- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant



## KBIC EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

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**For more information on KBIC EVEN START  
Call 353-8161 or stop by our center  
at 755 Michigan Ave. in Baraga**



## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908  
In Tribal Court Building  
Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132  
• Email: [ocss@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

## "Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Paternity Establishment
- Community Education

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm>

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giving oath of office to the elected and re-elected Council members (see page one).

Reorganization nominations and secret ballot vote totals follow. There were two nominations for President: Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. (nine votes), Frederick Dakota (Three votes). **Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. has been named President.** Vice President had two nominations: Susan LaFernier (eight votes), Frederick Dakota (three votes), one abstained. **Susan LaFernier has been named Vice President.** Secretary had two nominations: Toni Minton (nine votes), Frederick Dakota (two votes), one abstained. **Toni Minton has been named Secretary.** Assistant Secretary had two nominations: William “Gene” Emery (eight votes), Frederick Dakota (three votes), one abstained. **William Gene Emery has been named Assistant Secretary.** Treasurer had two nominations: Jennifer Misegan (nine votes), Frederick Dakota (three votes). **Jennifer Misegan has been named Treasurer.**

Depository of funds: 1) Superior National Bank, 2) Wells Fargo, 3) M Bank. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to accept the given financial institutions as KBIC depositories, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., supported eleven, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Check signers. **Motion by William “Gene” Emery to have one Council member of the Executive Board and one Council member at large sign each check, supported by Jennifer Misegan, nine supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Matthews, Emery, Curtis, Misegan, Loonsfoot, Welsh), two opposed (Dakota, Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried.** **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to add the Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Tribal Judge and Chief Court Clerk as signatures for the Tribal Court Checking which requires any two signatures, and to add the Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Tribal Judge, Chief Court Clerk, the Director of the Child Support Office and the Child Support Specialist as signatures for the KBIC Tribal Child Support Checking which requires any two signatures, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**


CEO position. Elizabeth Mayo indicated that she had gone through the economic development initiative which was sponsored by the US Department of Justice and Treasury back in November. The recommendation was that we should have a CEO with a business management degree who possessed experience in running successful business operations. That is our plan that we have talked about many of times: the economic initiative. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to post the CEO position with those qualifications, supported by Frederick Dakota, three supported (Dakota, Mayo, Welsh), eight opposed (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Misegan, Loonsfoot, Curtis, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion defeated.** President Swartz and other Tribal Council members indicated that they feel that Larry Denomie III has been doing a good job as the CEO for the past couple of years he has been in the position. It takes a number of years to learn all of the policies of our organization. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to appoint Larry Denomie III as the CEO, supported by**

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**Elizabeth Chiz Matthews, eight supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Misegan, Loonsfoot, Curtis, Matthews), two opposed (Dakota, Mayo), one abstained (Welsh), motion carried.**

Council passed Department Head Reports for November 2008. Council entered into closed session with Attorney John Baker and Elizabeth Mayo (tribal member emergency funding request) on the agenda.

After closed session, Council approved a donation of \$2,500 for emergency funding request Case #KB09-04. Ten in Favor (S. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Loonsfoot, Welsh, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo, Dakota). One opposed (Misegan). Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition. She is concerned we won’t have funds to pay for additional requests that will come.



### DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force’s request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

**April Denomie, case # 08-351, Controlled Substance (use) – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

**Factual Basis:** Defendant took morphine and did not have a prescription for it.

**Sentenced on 01/08/2009 to:**

1. \$1,000 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 140 days suspended, 40 days to be served (or 80 days on tether). Defendant is financially responsible for lodging fees and costs associated while incarcerated, and/or tether fees.
3. Alcohol and drug restricted probation for 12-24 months with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for costs associated with drug and PBT testing.
4. Defendant will perform ten hours of community service.
5. Defendant is to complete her inpatient treatment aftercare recommendations.

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

**Amber Ann “Migwanens” Bressette**  
May 30, 1986— January 14, 2009

Amber Ann “Migwanens” (Little Butterfly) Bressette, age 22, of Harvey, departed Mother Earth on January 14, 2009. Amber was born in Marquette on May 30, 1986, to Glen D. and JoAnn (Rupiper) Bressette. She was raised in the Harvey area, attended the Marquette schools, and graduated from the Superior Eagles High School in 2005. Following graduation, she attended Northern Michigan University, pursuing a possible career in nursing or pathology. Throughout the years, Amber was involved in childcare, both outside the home and also at home helping to care for siblings and younger relatives. She was employed at the Norlite Nursing Center for a time before returning to childcare. Am-

ber took great pride in her American Indian heritage and from the age of one attended powwows with her parents and later danced in full regalia at powwows throughout the Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, and Canada. Affectionately known as “Babykins” to family and friends, Amber was active in the Red Hat Society, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and was a member of the Lake Superior Chippewa of Marquette, Inc., and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Artistic and creative, Amber enjoyed photography, making photo albums, scrapbooking, recording music, shopping, and doing hairdressing for family and friends. She was an awesome sister to her siblings.

Survivors include her parents, Glen and JoAnn Bressette of Harvey; her sisters, Tina (Mark) Romero of Marquette and Tonya (Rory Everson) Maki of Gwinn; brothers, Glen Bressette, Jr., Don (Georgia) Maki, Jr., and Dan MacNeil all of Marquette; her nieces and nephews, Eric Romero, Jesica Romero, Travis Bressette, John Romero, Kurt Maki, Kylee Bressette, Cheyanne Maki, Shawn Maki, and Brendan “Bubba” Everson; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. Amber was preceded on her walk into eternal life by her maternal grandparents, Arnold and Virginia Rupiper; paternal grandparents, Clifford and Seraphine Bressette; an aunt, Gloria Finnerty; and her Godfather-uncle, Wayne “Sam” Bressette.

Visitation with Native drumming was held at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey, January 17, 2009. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 17, 2009, with Rev. Ben Paris, pastor, as celebrant. Graveside services with a Native Ceremony followed at the Northland Chapel Gardens. Memorials may be directed to the Marine Corps League’s Toys for Tots, c/o 164 Dana Lane, Marquette, MI 49855. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

**Mary Theresa “Min-Di-Moie” Schofield**  
March 25, 1918— January 3, 2009

Mary Theresa Schofield “Min-Di-Moie.” age 90, of 129 Ojibwa Trail, Harvey, entered eternal life on Saturday, January 3, 2009, at the home of her daughter, Marilyn with whom she made her home. Mary was in the comforting and loving care of her family and the caregivers of Lake Superior Hospice. Mary was born March 25, 1918, in Zeba, a daughter of the late Albert and Lucy (Tyosh) Kishketog, and was raised in Zeba. On October 6, 1942, she married Daniel George Schofield and the couple set about establishing their home and raising a family. The couple moved to the Marquette area in 1951, and Mary worked at the former St. Mary’s and St. Luke’s Hospitals for a time. She also assisted with the establishment of the original food pantry at the St. Vincent DePaul Store. A homemaker, Mary, enjoyed craftwork, sewing, beadwork, going to rummage sales, picking blueberries, house bingo, going to “Vinnies,” gardening and dancing. The loves of her life were her many grandchildren, and she greatly enjoyed the time spent with them. Mary was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Tribe of Chippewa Indians and United Methodist Church of Zeba. A loving mother and proud grandparent, Mary is survived by four daughters, Patricia Bawden, Marilyn “Myrna” Abbott, Linda (Ronald) Pilto, and Glenda (Anthony)

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Hamalainen all of Marquette; four sons, Ronald (JoAnn) Schofield of Manitowoc, WI, Bruce Schofield and Gerald (Robin) Schofield both of Marquette, and Roger (Margaret Maki) Schofield of Ishpeming; her grandchildren, Peggy, Mary, Lisa, Daniel, Bruce, Brad, David, William, Angela, Sandy, Christopher, Amanda, Kurt, Roxanne, Michael, Tina and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Patrick, Jeremiah, AJ, Misty Ann, Kristie, Billi-Jo, Tooter, Natasha, Colin, Daniel, Nicholas, Kenny, Autumn, Kirsten, Kaleigh, Austin, Olivia, Deven, Jordan, Taylor, Zoe, Aden, Andre, Alana, J.J., Katelynn, Levi, Decota and Conner; great great-grandchildren, Dylan, Jasmine, Aiyana and Karli; numerous nieces and nephews, among them a special niece, Diane DeCota of Baraga. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel G. Schofield in 1988; a son, Michael Schofield; a granddaughter, Patty Lynn; two sons-in-law, Donald Bawden and Wilford Abbott; a sister, Charlotte Loonsfoot; brothers, Wilson and Louis Kishketog; a sister-in-law, Frances Kishketog; and a special niece, Marie Durant.

Funeral services were held at the Fassbender Funeral Home on January 7, 2009, with Rev. Chuck Tooman officiating. Burial will be made in the spring at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mary's four sons, Ronald, Bruce, Gerald, and Roger Schofield, and William Greenleaf and Brad Ducat. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

*Dad finally convinced her, even though he tried three or four times before to leave behind the children for they still had a long way to go. Dad knew that she wasn't quite ready—but he's waited for 20 long years, both him and Michael Steven, shedding their lonely tears—Mom knew that she still wasn't ready, but her Ma and Pa were waiting there too. Yes!! Dad finally convinced her, for we all lost her today, January 3, 2009. Mom, we all love you and will miss you, but you just made Daddy's day. Yes!! Dad finally convinced her, for we put her to rest today. Patricia A. Bawden*

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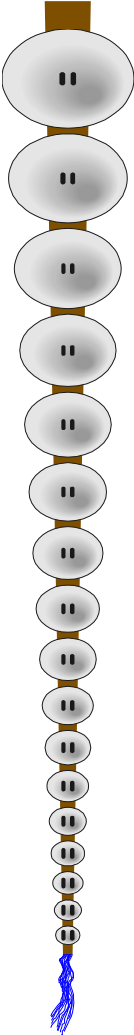
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26th Annual Powwow  
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Saturday, February 21-22, 2009,  
Jenison Field House,  
MSU Campus in East Lansing, MI,  
presented by North American  
Indigenous Student Organization of  
Michigan State University.

Dancer and drummer registration begins at 10 am. Dance and drum contest prizes to be announced. Grand Entry — Saturday, Feb. 21st — 1pm and 7pm; Sunday, Feb. 22nd — 12 noon. Doors open 10 am. Admission — \$10 adults, \$5 children and seniors, Free for children under 6 years and MSU students. Weekend passes will be available.

Hospitality host is East Lansing Howard Johnson Hotel. Call 517-351-5500 and ask for the powwow rate. For questions regarding hospitality contact Ashley Ryerse, NAISO Hospitality Chair at e-mail [ryerseas@msu.edu](mailto:ryerseas@msu.edu).

For more information visit the NAISO website at [www.msu.edu/~naiso](http://www.msu.edu/~naiso) or contact Pat Dyer-Deckrow at 517-353-7745 or e-mail [patdyer@msu.edu](mailto:patdyer@msu.edu).

This is the largest student organized event held on the campus of MSU and over 4,000 individuals attend this event annually. In 2000, NAISO received the Outstanding Student Government Organization Event award from MSU as well as the Excellence in Diversity award in 2001.

The mission of the North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO) is to strive to promote education, and motivate the Native Student community and majority community in and around Michigan State University through social and cultural support.

ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL  
COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2009-2010** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2009. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 13, 2009**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Point (HACCP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

**For Boat Safety Inspections, Contact:**

Officer Tim Tilson/KBIC Conservation	353-6626
Officer Dale Goodreau/KBIC Conservation	353-6626
U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock	482-1520

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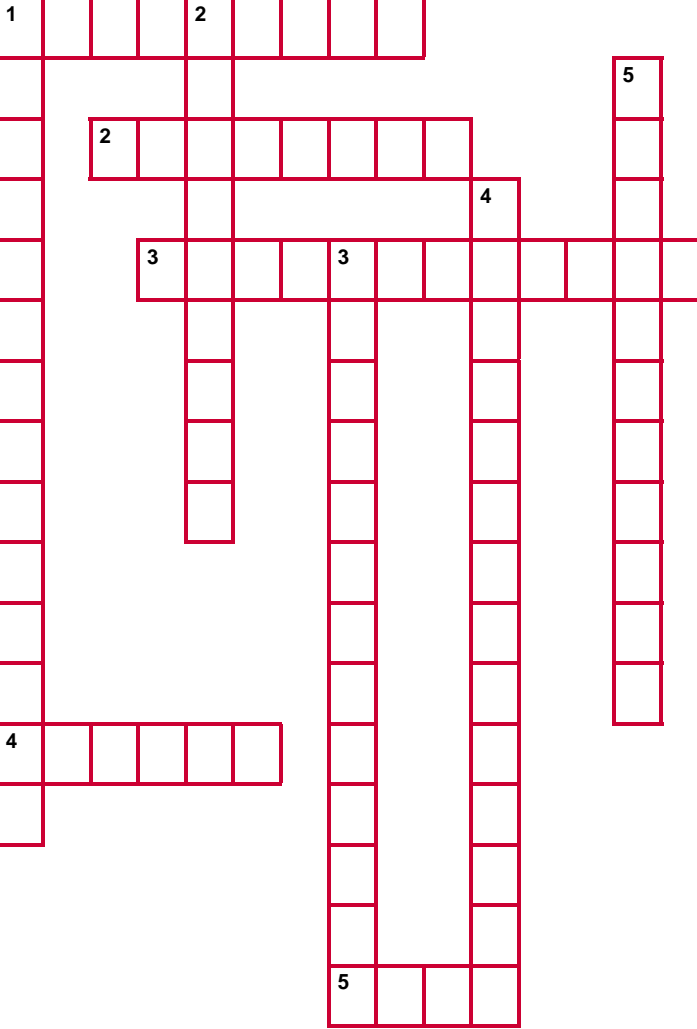
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Crossword Puzzle

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2. ready	2. proud
3. relaxed	3. shameful
4. scared	4. respected
5. satisfied	5. rotten

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.









# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families and provide employment opportunities.

## Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee-providing profits for housing programs.

There is potentially good news coming for our community if a proposed stimulus bill currently in Congress passes. The proposed stimulus package (found on the web at <http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/RecoveryBill01-15-09.pdf>) would appropriate an additional \$250 million in Indian Housing Block Grant funds for this current fiscal year to tribal housing authorities across the country. Based on the current formula used by HUD, the new stimulus bill could bring approximately \$600K in additional grant funds this year to the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority. We could use the funds for any affordable housing activity as defined by HUD. That could include rehabilitating more of housing's current homes and low income tribal member-owned homes, down payment assistance, and construction subsidies for new homes to mention a few.

In addition, there is another \$250 million in grant money the Secretary of HUD can award to Indian housing authorities across the country via a competitive grant process that shall give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation of low-income homes and will create employment opportunities for low-income families and unemployed persons.

If this bill passes Congress and is signed by President Obama, we could see a much needed increase in employment opportunities for tribal members and many energy efficient upgrades to tribal homes. We will have to wait and see what Congress and the President come up with. We are excited about the potential opportunities for our community through this proposed stimulus bill.

## Ojibwa Housing Authority, 220 Main St., Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-7177 Office, 906-353-7623 Fax

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[bobby@kboha.com](mailto:bobby@kboha.com) OR [matt@kboha.com](mailto:matt@kboha.com)

353-7127—Henry (Hank) Chosa, Ojibwa Builders-  
Modernization  
249-4533—Mark VanLinden, Harvey Maintenance  
353-8850—Kevin Perrault, Ojibwa Building Supply

## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

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## A.R.M. Valentines Sobriety Dance



### Association of Recovering Motorcyclists

Hannahville Indian  
Community Center  
Wilson, MI

February 14, 2009  
6pm—12am

Events: 6 pm Potluck,  
7 pm Meeting,  
8 pm Dance

Contacts:  
Darrel Hardwick  
906-280-2083  
Rodney Fry  
906-399-2853

## Ojibwa Seniors Gift Shop



*Home-made gift and craft items are  
wanted on a consignment basis.*

For more information, please call:

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Shirley McKasy 353-6405  
Loretta Hugo 353-7691

## 2009 WINTER SCHEDULE

LAUGH AND LEARN — OJIWBE LANGUAGE TABLE  
Wednesday Nights 7—8:30 pm,

Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel Conference Room

This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.

Attend when you can.

For more information contact: Debra Williamson 353-4178





## KBIC DIABETES PROGRAM EVENTS

### Diabetic Foot Care Clinic

Care includes nail trimming  
and foot exam.

Fridays in the KBIC Dental Clinic.

February 6th ~ March 6th ~ April 3rd

### Diabetes Talking Circle & Education

Tribal Dept. of Health & Human Services  
Upstairs Conference Room  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch is provided.

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Prepare for the Obstacles  
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Nutrition Therapy

Learn how you can earn a prize valued  
at \$20 or greater!

For more information about these or other  
events sponsored by the KBIC Diabetes  
Program please contact Kathy, 353-4519  
or Heather, 353-4546.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT WITH  
DR. DALE SCHMEISSER  
THE KBIC-DHHS DIETITIAN TODAY.  
THERE ARE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE:  
FEBRUARY—3<sup>RD</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH—17<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup>

## WALK-IN CLINIC USE and CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Baraga County Memorial Hospital  
has recently expanded hours of the  
Walk-In Clinic to 24 hours 7 days a  
week.

Contract Health Service (CHS) will  
continue to cover use of the Walk-  
In Clinic on weekends, holidays or  
other days that the Medical Clinic is  
closed.

CHS will not cover use of the Walk-  
In Clinic when the Medical Clinic is  
open from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Evening use of the Walk In Clinic  
for non-emergent symptoms will  
not be covered when the Medical  
Clinic is open during the day.

CHS payments cannot be made for  
services our clinics could reasona-  
bly provide during regular business  
hours.

If you have any questions about  
CHS contact Becky Tussing RN,  
Associate Director at 353-4521.

## February 2009 Calendars Events

February 3 — DHHS blood pres-  
sure screenings.

February 4 — Ojibwe Language  
Table.

February 6 — DHHS Diabetic  
Foot Clinic.

February 10 — DHHS blood  
pressure screenings.

February 11 — Ojibwe Lan-  
guage Table.

February 13 — Grades K-6,  
5:30—7:30 p.m., grades 7-12, 8  
pm—12 midnight, at the KBIC  
Youth Club, OCC gym. Commer-  
cial Fishing Application Deadline.

February 14 — Valentine's Day.

February 16 — President's Day.  
Tribal Gov't Offices closed.

February 17 — DHHS blood  
pressure screenings.

February 18 — Ojibwe Lan-  
guage Table.

February 19 — Diabetes Pro-  
gram — Prepare for the obsta-  
cles.

February 24 — DHHS blood  
pressure screenings.

February 25 — Ojibwe Lan-  
guage Table.

Events occurring throughout KBIC  
are welcome to be listed on the Cal-  
endar of Events. Contact newslet-  
ter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events.  
Events are more detailed FYI within  
the newsletter. For up-to-day event  
listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and  
click on calendar. For Youth events,  
see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on  
youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main  
Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for  
the facility attendants or the Kitchen/  
craft rooms.

## HONORING THE GIFT OF HEART HEALTH

To promote healthy hearts  
the KBIC/DHHS will be holding  
blood pressure screenings  
every Tuesday throughout February

### Screening Dates & Location

- ◆ February 3rd, 11am- 1pm,  
KBOCC Commons Area
- ◆ February 10th, 11am-1pm,  
Ojibwa Housing Senior Complex
- ◆ February 17th, 11am-1pm  
Tribal Center, 1st floor Conf. Room
- ◆ February 24th, 11am-1pm  
Ojibwa Senior Citizen Center

The first 25 people at each screening will  
receive a carnation

Participants will receive:

- Blood Pressure Check
- Information on Heart Disease
- Win a Healthy Heart Prize

Contact Kathy at 353-4519 or  
Heather at 353-45436 for more information.

## KBIC YOUTH CLUB

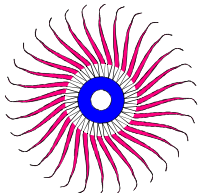
Valentines Dance on  
Friday Feb. 13th.  
K-6th grade at  
5:30 - 7:30 pm.  
7th - 12th grade  
at 8pm - 12  
Midnight.

OCC GYM

Parents must accompany K-  
6th graders to the dance.

Teenage Dance—admission  
\$5.00, wear something red or  
pink—\$3.00 admission.

REZ RUNNERS will be practicing  
throughout the month of February,  
ages 10-18. Call Tyler at 353-4643 for  
practice times and for more informa-  
tion on Rez Runners.



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THE PINES SLOTS

Tribal Council suggested for the Ojibwa Enterprise Administration to look into the possibility of implementing slot machine play at the Pines Gas Station. After researching and discussing the idea with fellow counterparts at the Oneida Casino in Green Bay, a presentation was made to Tribal Council. Tribal Council motioned to proceed with the Pines slot project.

On October 15, 2008, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community added slot machine play at the Pines Convenience Store. We began with six machines; plans were made to include six more slots in mid-January, bringing the total to twelve machines. All of the games are coinless and are ticket-in ticket-out games. Stop in and win some cash today! The Pines slots are available for play from 10am to 1am daily.

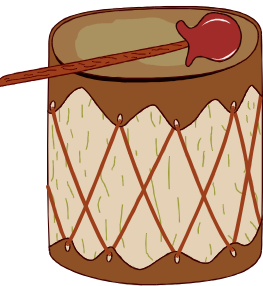
# Pump & PLAY!

Now you can play our slot machines at The Pines Convenience Store

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